

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the Application of:       | ) | Group Art Unit: 3763    |
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| Robert M. Abrams et al.         | ) | Confirmation No.: 8601  |
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| <b>Serial No.: 10/733,922</b>   | ) | Examiner: Paul B. Smith |
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| Filed: December 10, 2003        | ) |                         |
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| Title: MODULAR STEERABLE SHEATH | ) |                         |
| CATHETERS                       | ) |                         |

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, including method claims 21-37. Applicants provisionally elect species "C," directed to a "Steerable Catheter," upon which all elected claims 21-37 read.

A complete listing of the claims, including these amendments thereto, begins on page 2.  
Remarks begin on page 6.